

in independent form to include all of the features of their respective base claims and any intervening claims.

In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to because it is alleged that Figures 1-4 should be designated with a "Prior Art" legend. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The Examiner is referred to page 12, line 20 to page 14, line 35 of the specification, whereby Figures 1-4 are used for describing a part of the present invention. See also the description on page 10, in the "Brief Description of the Drawings" section of the specification. Please note that the description on page 2, line 34 to page 3, line 8 of the specification ("Description of the Background Art" section) describes only a part of Figure 1, and thus Figure 1, as a whole, is not a "Prior Art" figure.

Accordingly, Figures 1-4 are not Prior Art figures, thus it is submitted that a Prior Art label should not be included in these figures.

Section 2 of the Office Action states that the "host authentication unit" of claim 1 must be shown in the drawings. Please note that the host authentication unit is recited only in claim 2, whereby claim 2 has been cancelled by way of this amendment and reply. Thus, this objection is now moot. It is however pointed out that the host authentication unit of claim 2 is generally shown in Fig. 15 as "location registration processing unit 101".

In section 3 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 25-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,061,650 to Malkin. Due to the cancellation of claims 1-8 and 25-28, this rejection is now moot.

Therefore, since there are no other rejections or objections raised in the Office Action, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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